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Bankers.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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Intimations.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in and Subscribers to the above Institution will be held in the St. Andrews Hall, at 2 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.

By Order,
H. L. DENNYS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.
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H. H. NELSON,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

For Sale.

RECENTLY ARRIVED,

—AND—
FOR SALE.

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TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.

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MACASSAR RED FISH.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, IN BOTTLES OF ONE POUND.

BUSOK & CO.'s SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs, and 4 lbs.

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EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

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INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING and INSERTION, all Sizes.

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Villanyer... in Cases of 1 Dozen.

Ofner Adelsberg... " "

Ruster Ausbruch... " "

Apply to RÄDECKER & CO.

Hongkong, August 17, 1878.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 31st of August, 1878, at 2 p.m., on the Premises.

INLAND LOT No. 60, situate between Gough Street and Hollywood Road on the North and South, Aberdeen Street on the East.

The above Lot will be sold in Separate Lots.

The Buildings, &c., will be sold in One Lot, said Buildings &c., to be cleared off the Ground within two months from date of Sale.

For further Particulars and Plans, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS of SALE.—Will be given on the Day of Sale.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ADJUSTMENT of BONUS for the YEAR

1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-

pany are requested to furnish the Under-

signed with a List of their Contribu-

tions for the Year ending 31st December, 1877,

in order that the distribution of the Profits

reserved for Contributors may be ar-

ranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st

August next, will be adjusted by the Office,

and no Claims or Alterations will be sub-

sequently admitted.

By Order of the Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 19, 1878.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1878.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS. CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant. PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.

KELLER'S DUINDE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAJETIERES.

CUCIERS and ADET'S CHARETS.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

Scotch OATMEAL.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, Ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, March 8, 1878. au28

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA of Tokio, Japan, has Opened a Branch in this Port, and the Undersigned has been appointed their Agent in Hongkong.

HERONIC SHUGIO.

Office No. 4, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, August 18, 1878. au19

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Late Mr J. J. dos REMEDIOS in our Firm Ceased on the 31st July, 1878. Mr AGOSTINHO GUILHERME ROMANO and Mr ALEXANDRE ANTONIO dos REMEDIOS will be admitted Partners therein.

Our Firm now consists of Mr J. H. dos REMEDIOS, Mr A. G. ROMANO, and Mr A. A. dos REMEDIOS.

J. H. dos REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au20

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to Sign our Firm per Execution.

HESSE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 23, 1878. au23

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm Ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.,
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. au18

NOTICE.

THE GENUINE APOLLINARIS WATER.

In Cases of 50 large Stone Bottles, 59 per Case.
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Ex Steamship "Asia,"
TIVOLI BEER;
In Cases of 8 dozen White Pint Bottles, 516 per Case.

WIELER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 6, 1878. au26

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEURIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUDDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "INDUS" from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

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Hongkong, August 8, 1878. au24

NOTICE.

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BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

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March 5, 1878. au25

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TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALES, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878. au21

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,
West Point,

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. au19

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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction, Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LACE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MEADE, KELLY & WILSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FORTESCUE, British ship, Capt. G. B. Taylor.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

BERTHIE BIGLOW, British ship, Captain C. Mead.—Wiesler & Co.

HAWTHORN, British barque, Captain C. Mead.—Wiesler & Co.

ARABIA, British ship, Captain H. A. J. Kleinloth.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

GUERNSEYSHIRE, British ship, Captain W. H. Moore.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

CONVERSATION, American ship, Captain J. M. Ferguson.—Butterfield & Swire.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH BARK DARTMOUTH, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. CITY OF PEKING, from San Francisco and Yokohama, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Owners' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 17, 1878.

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J. H. dos REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au20

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo per the above Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BOROWEY, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000
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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

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IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 18, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 88.

CHINA SEA.

PEIRO RIVER—TIKTSIN DISTRICT.

Taku Bar Light.

W. M. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 17, 1878. au23

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark MANILA I., GÖNNER, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarssparilla
Water, and other Aerated Waters.

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continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.15 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1878.

We received by the last mail a copy of the report of Mr Baber on the route followed by the Grosvenor Mission through the western part of the province of Yunnan. This was the most important section of the whole journey as it enabled positive information to be obtained regarding the feasibility of the much talked of trade route between Momein and Yunnan-fu. Attached to the report are four charts of the route from Yunnan-fu to Momein, the latter town being on the Yunnan-Burma borders. It seems that Mr Baber made a running survey of the entire route from Hankow to Momein, but the portions attached to this report were the only ones he had time to complete.

Mr Baber gives a very discouraging account of the section of the route in question. The trade route from Yunnan-fu to Momein is, he says, "the worst possible route with the least conceivable trade." By an improved system of paving, and a better selection of gradients, he thinks the route might be made convenient enough for transport by mules and coolies, but it seemed to him hopeless to think of making it practicable for wheel carriages.

The valleys, or rather abysses, of the Salween and Mekong must long remain insuperable difficulties, not to mention many other obstacles.

I do not mean that it would be absolutely impossible to construct a railway. A high authority has informed me that if shareholders will provide money, they will always find an engineer to spend it. By piercing half a dozen Mount Cenla tunnels and creating a few Menai bridges, the road from Burma to Yunnan-fu could doubtless be much improved.

It is not to be supposed that however energetic the British merchant is, or ought to be, he will attempt the wild route of Yunnan-fu; but in the event of his attaining that capital, he will suddenly be aware that foreign manufacturers can be conveyed with ease and rapidity from Canton, and his intelligence will at last open to the fact that Yunnan-fu is only 400 miles distant from the sea.

Loth as most Englishmen will be to admit it, Mr Baber says the "simple and evident approach to Eastern Yunnan is from the Gulf of Tonguin." But Mr Baber is careful to point out that the same does not hold true of the western part of the province. He endorses Dr Anderson's assertion that a practicable road might be constructed without much difficulty through the Kakhyn hills to Manwyne. After this we presume nothing further will be heard of the Momein-Yunnan route, although the practicability of other routes into western China has yet to be decided. Several other routes have been from time to time mooted.

In regard to the murder of Mr Margary Mr Baber says there can be no doubt that the dead was committed by the train-bands of Momein. A few days after the departure of the Mission from Momein these train-bands, headed by one Wang, the wifard, rose against the authorities of the district and gained possession of Momein. They held the town for some weeks, but eventually it was captured by imperial troops, and many hundreds of the insurgents were slain, or perished by drowning in the ponds. Mr Baber says it is not without a feeling of pardonable satisfaction that one reads of the slaughter of these miscreants to the number of "several hundreds," besides those who "perished in the ponds."

Some of the most remarkable statements in the report are those relating to the cultivation of the poppy in the province. Mr Baber says that he and his companions were astounded at the extent of the poppy cultivation both in Yunnan and Szechuan, and he significantly observed that if the Anti-Opium Society desires to give the strongest impetus to the growth of the drug in Yunnan it should by all means discourage its production in India. It would certainly be a rather blind policy if the British Government were to ruin the financial prosperity of India, and bring misery upon thousands of people in that country, by handing the cultivation of the poppy over from its Indian subjects to the Chinese. Mr Baber adds concerning the poppy cultivation in Yunnan:

In ascending the river wherever cultivation existed we found numerous fields of poppy. Even the sandy banks were often planted with it down to the water's edge; but it was not until we began our land journey in Yunnan that we fairly realised the enormous extent of its production.

With some fear of being discredited, but at the same time with a consciousness that I am underestimating the proportion, I estimate that the poppy fields constitute a third of the whole cultivation of Yunnan.

We walked some hundreds of miles through poppies; we shot wild ducks in the poppies. Even wretched little hovels in the mountains were generally attended by a poppy patch.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We notice that the presentation Cup to the 28th Regiment is now on view at Sun Shing's, 64 Queen's Road.

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.:—

Quadrille, *La Perichole*, Cooto, Overture, *Othello*, Rosmni, Selection, *Elisir d'Amore*, Donizetti, Valse, Journalisten, Strauss, Selection, Faust, Gounod, Galop, Berlin, Michaelia, Mr J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

The unsatisfactory manner in which the accounts of certain estates in the Supreme Court are audited, or rather left to themselves, has been painfully presented to the public during the last few days. Irregularities are spoken of amounting to very large sums, and the hopeless state of muddle which seems to exist in this department leads to the natural inference that there is less security for Court funds than there is for money placed in the hands of private individuals. It is uncertain whether any officer of the Supreme Court is secured by bond in any amount whatever, while no sort of audit is known to be exercised.

Mr Fairlough and Miss Eliza May purpose giving an entertainment in St. Andrew's Hall on Monday, under the patronage of H. E. the Governor and Mrs Pope Hennessy. The performance promises to be of a high-class character, and will consist of dramatic recitals and operatic selections. Mr Fairlough has attained considerable popularity as an electionist, as well as a tragedian, and we hear that in Bombay he was engaged by Sir R. Temple to read to the students in the Elphinstone College; while in Melbourne he is said to have drawn large audiences on Sundays by his readings from the Bible. Miss May's popularity is likely to command a full house, as this is announced as her only and farewell appearance in Hongkong during her present visit.

A FORMER China resident, writing from London on 13th July, says:—"The Eastern war scare is at an end for the present. 'Dizzy,' in spite of the croaking of Gladstone Bright & Co., has proved himself one of the ablest statesmen of this or any other age, and the last stroke of policy—viz., acquiring for England the right of possession in Cyprus—is a brilliant finish to the memorable Berlin meeting. The weather has been for some days lately thoroughly tropical, say 84 deg. in the shade; and having to wear a chimney-pot hat and black 'togs' is something frightful, and brings to mind the sultry climes of the East. 'Our Boys' is running as lively as ever, for the 1200th and odd night. The Italian Opera is constantly crowded, and intending visitors must look weeks ahead. In spite of a very wet early summer, the crops generally in England will be well up to average yields. Fruit is abundant and cheap. Tea steamers keep dropping in, and, as usual, the bulk of importations are likely to leave a loss. The Wimbledon meeting is a great success this year—a larger number of competitors than ever, and some wonderfully good shooting; the Martini-Henry Rifle is now considered to be far before the Snider."

The Royal English Opera Company gave their first performance at the City Hall Theatre last night before what must have been, considering the state of the weather, a very satisfactory "house." The piece selected for the evening—"The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein"—cannot be said to have dragged, thanks to the spirited play of several of the leading members of the Company, although it is useless concealing the fact that the rôle of the "Grand Duchess," "Nepomuk," and "Baron Grog" were very feebly sustained. It is absolutely essential to the success of the piece that the first of these characters should receive a thoroughly effective handling, although it

should be noted that Miss A. Drægar was not in her usual health yesterday evening. Had the part of the "Grand Duchess" been taken by Miss May, we believe the performance would have proved a pretty successful one; failing Miss May, Miss Stanley would have contributed much more to the success of the performance as the "Grand Duchess" than as "Wanda." Miss A. Drægar was altogether overweighted as the "Grand Duchess." Miss Clara Stanley is a promising young actress and will, we believe, become a favourite with the Hongkong public. Meanwhile we would strongly advise the Company to settle their little differences, and ensure, if possible, the

services of Miss May in her old roles. Mr Vernon acted with his usual animation and ability, and was the main-stay of the performance. Mr Hagerman made a fairly good "Baron Puck," and Mr J. Rollings a capital "General Boom." The company announced "La Fille de Madame Angot" for performance on Saturday evening.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 21st August, 1878:—

	European.	Chinese.
Thursday,	59	283
16th	47	243
17th	52	263
Sunday,	63	Sunday
Monday,	69	304
Tuesday,	62	353
Wednesday,	64	242
Totals,	416	1,648
Grand total,	2,084	

The following items are from the *Singapore Daily Times*:

The British S. S. *Mennin*, a new steamer built in Sunderland and purchased while on the stocks by the E. A. & M. Company as a cargo vessel to trade between Hongkong and the Australasian ports, arrived alongside Tanjong Pagar Wharf yesterday (Aug. 11th) on her first voyage. She is a well built vessel, though critics in shipping affairs think she does not approach in point of finish a Clyde-built one. She has room for only 18 cabin passengers, being intended for cargo almost exclusively, of 1,920 tons register, and of 1,200 horse power effective. She leaves here for Hongkong to-morrow afternoon.

The British ship *Norfolk*; Captain Dræver, which arrived here on the 11th instant, has brought news that the British ship *Herat*, 1,390 tons Register, bound from Hongkong with 1,500 Namcs, from Hongkong; 15, Europe, from Shanghai; 15, City of Baltimore, from Shanghai; 16, Cuba, from Newchwang; 17, Hae Ting, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—Aug. 11, Hae Ting, for Shanghai; 11, Yesso, for Hongkong; 14, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; 14, Lulu, for Tientsin; 14, Mentian, for Tientsin; 15, Benledi, for London.

Shipping in Port—Rosebud, Nardoo, Eme, J. Kromer, Swinger, Argentino, Mary Blair, Lizzio, Wylo, Kjohenvahn, Hopfield, Namco, Europe, City of Baltimore, Cuba, Hae Ting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Aug. 12, 1878.

SIR,—As one of the Jury summoned to attend the Court at 10 o'clock, will you permit me to mention the fact that some 16 gentlemen were detained till 5 minutes past 11 o'clock, simply on account of Mr Hayllar's watch not going correctly. (This was the reason whispered to the presiding Judge in the Small Court). But no word of apology or explanation was offered to the Jury for their loss of time and vexation. Would not a similar fine to that imposed on absent jurors be equally applicable to members of the bar for their non-attendance at the appointed time? It may be said that Mr H.'s services were gratuitous: so are those of the Jurors.

Yours,

JUSTICE.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

August 22, 1878.

DANGEROUS EGREGRIETY.

Thomas Freeman, seaman unemployed, was charged with running after Chinamen in the streets and striking them with a rattan. Fined \$1.50.

DRUNKENNESS.

Alfred Hopkins, corporal of marines U. S. S. Ranger, was fined 25 cents for being drunk.

SUSPICIOUS.

Cheng Aping, a servant unemployed, was charged with being found in the house of Mr Travers, Bank Buildings, under suspicious circumstances. He said he went there to see a friend who had formerly lived there. This was found to be untrue.

Remanded until to-morrow.

LARCENY BY SOLDIERS.

James Downie, private, No. 1915, A Company; John Davies, private, No. 1153 F Company; Martin McCall, private, No. 465, A Company; and James Davison, private, No. 1771, D Company; were charged on remand with being concerned in stealing a watch and chain and other articles, the property of an engineer named Robert Speare. The defendants were arrested owing to the exertions of P. C. No. 8 Cunningham, aided by the Military Police. After further evidence the 2nd and 4th defendants were discharged; 1st defendant was fined \$25 or 3 months hard labour, and 3rd defendant \$15 or 2 months hard labour.

EXTORTIONATE CHAIR COOLIES.

The bearers of licensed chair No. 383, were summoned, at the instance of Mr James Beale, for demanding more than their legal fare and being rude and abusive. Mr Beale paid them 80 cents after having employed them one hour, and they demanded 40 cents. This they subsequently got as they would not be quiet and no policeman could be found. Fined \$1.50 each.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Tung Aping and others, hawking without a license. Fined 10 cents each.

Ching Ahop, hawking fish. Fined 25 cents.

Tsang Sung Ang, a coolie, throwing rubbers into the harbour. Fined 50 cents.

Chau Ayan, hawker, obstructing the footpath. Fined 50 cents.

Chun Aling, hawking without a license and obstructing the footpath, Queen's Road, West. Fined \$1.

Wong Ali, creating a disturbance at the Ko Shing Theatre. Fined \$1.

Loo Achi and Lai Atun, hawkers, creating a disturbance in a brothel. 1st defendant fined \$30 and to be exposed in the stocks for six hours; 2nd defendant fined \$10. 1st defendant was further ordered to find two sureties, \$10 each, to be of good behaviour for three months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice SNOWDEN.)

August 22, 1878.

REGINA v. SAM AHOO AND LAM AHOO LARCENY AND RECEIVING.

The following gentlemen comprised the Jury:—Messrs. C. G. Danecke, A. J. Gomes, E. F. Fonseca, G. P. da Costa, F. W. Haemmerlin, U. G. Humphries, W. S. Ramsey.

The prisoners were indicted the first with stealing six tins of paint and both with receiving the same well knowing it to be stolen. The 1st prisoner pleaded guilty to the larceny, and Mr Ng Achoy appeared to defend the 2nd prisoner. The paint was identified by the marks on the tins.

Mr Ng Achoy addressed the Jury on behalf of the 2nd prisoner, and proceeded to call evidence to show that he was ignorant of the paint having been stolen.

The case occupied the Court until past 3 o'clock, and the jury after a short absence returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence reserved.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell.)

Mr Hayllar, Q.C., who appeared shortly after 11 o'clock, officiated as prosecutor for the Crown, and the following gentlemen comprised the jury:—Messrs. K. Bleton, F. José A. J. Patterson, H. R. Ottobohy, O. F. W. Peterson, L. Mallory, F. George.

REGINA v. CHAU AUN BURGLARY.

The prisoner pleaded guilty to burglariously entering a dwelling house. Sentence reserved.

REGINA v. FUN AWU, CHAN AGHEONG AND KWOK AOOK.

The prisoners were indicted for committing a burglary at the dwelling house of Captain Bunting at Wyndham Street, and stealing a quantity of plated table ware. The stolen property was found in a bag at the 2nd prisoner's house.

Chau Aun was charged with receiving the goods well knowing them to be stolen, and was also charged with being concerned in the burglary, but Mr Hayllar said he would not proceed with the charge of burglary against him. The 1st and 3rd prisoners pleaded guilty to the burglary, and the 2nd prisoner pleaded not guilty on either count. Evidence was then called, the Jury finding the prisoner guilty of possessing stolen property. Sentence reserved.

REGINA v. CHAN AMAN.

The prisoner was indicted for committing a burglary at the house of one Wong Akuin and stealing sundry articles of clothing and being found in possession of house-breaking implements. The jury found the prisoner guilty on the first two counts, viz., of burglary and receiving stolen goods. The third count was withdrawn. Sentence reserved.

The Sessions were then adjourned until Saturday next, the 24th instant.

China.

HANKOW.

T.E.A.—The Hankow Tea Market Report of the 12th August says during the past fortnight the Tea Market has been quiet, the entire business reported amounting to 10,700 chests, of which it is estimated that 4,000 chests are for Russia. Settlements for the most part consists of third crop Oopacks at Tls. 12.75 a 15.25 per picul, and Seang-tam kinds at Tls. 10.15 a 12.

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Hongkong, August 8, 1878.

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H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

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